

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 4.

GENERAL WOOL.—There is little doubt that this gentleman is a candidate for the nomination of the Democratic party for the Presidency of the United States. A sketch of his life and services, therefore, cannot be without interest to our readers, and that we to-day quote from the Boston Post of Monday is graphic and concise. Senators Cass, Dickinson, Houston, and Douglas, have great strength with the same party; but none of them can compare a military fame with that of General Wool. Nor are we sure that, in general intelligence and business talents, he is to be placed at a disadvantage in comparison with them.

It may be thought in the Democratic party that the prestige of General Scott's name would prove too formidable in opposition to a mere civilian, and hence that a necessity for the nomination of General Wool, the best hero on our side, will arise, so imperative as to overshadow the claims of all others among their great and distinguished men.

That General Wool is a Democrat, good and true, has always been well known; but we believe he has not, in these latter days, been sufficiently identified with the current topics to enable us to locate him in any of the battalions or divisions of that great army. Is he higher law, free soil, compromise, land reform, secession, or area extension? These are proper questions, and the sooner they are answered the better—unless, indeed, the General shall be advised to the preservation of a discreet silence. If he adopt such advice, will his past political history lead us to correct conclusions in the premises?

It is said that General Scott is to be silent as respects these matters; but then it is more than probable that his political antecedents will afford to both parties a fair index to his true position. Secretiveness has not hitherto been a weakness of his; and any attempt to practise it now will profit him little. He has too long "worn his heart upon his sleeve for daws to peck at."

Behind General Scott stand at this moment Messrs. Clay and Webster. Between the General and Mr. Webster there may be for a time a contest; but thus far the General has the advantage. Mr. Clay will, on this particular occasion, assume the attitude of a waiter on Providence, and perhaps desire only the voluntary offer of that which he was in all past times willing to stretch forth a strong and determined arm to obtain. What an unclouded, glorious political reputation had been his, had he never fixed upon the gratification of a fruitless ambition as the recompense of his labors! How often has that reward appeared to invite the stretching forth of his hand, and how often, like the gaudy butterfly, has it flown away as he would have pressed it! The evening is growing late with him, and even his great rival-follower—"the Nullifier of the Nullifiers"—bends under the weight of cares and of years, and rests the glance of his now failing eagle-eye upon the ground! Men of this present surround them both, and are willing to take their places in the very moment that fortune shall favor the prospects of their party, or of a new party—in the very moment in which availability shall appear upon the standard, borne by more youthful and more vigorous hands! *Sic transit, et so forth.*

What ample materials will not Congress at its next session possess, upon which to talk, to write, to caucus, to intrigue, to carouse—to do any thing but legislate. So interesting and instructive will be the career of that august body, that we rejoice in the prospect before us of witnessing its dignified proceedings. In the mean time, however, it will be well enough for us to give watchful and prayerful attention to the motions of the chaotic elements of all parties that now float in vagrant disregard of the laws of combination, cohesion, attraction, gravity, and sometimes of patriotism!

A SENEADING PARTY AND AN ACCIDENT.—The Band of the Washington Light Infantry, conducted by Mr. Marsollette, was last night engaged by a party of gentlemen to serenade several of the successful candidates in the recent elections, and others; and after visiting the dwellings of Messrs. John P. Pepper, Wm. F. Bayly, and R. J. Roche, their vehicle, an immense omnibus belonging to the Citizens' Line, and containing twenty-five or thirty persons, was capsized by the breaking of the axle-tree. Mr. Wm. Horner, connected with the line, was unfortunate enough to have his leg broken, and several others were scratched and bruised. The valuable brass instruments of the Band were also injured, and some of them destroyed.

Good feeling and good order had pervaded the party; and but for the unpleasant occurrence we have related, the occasion would have ended as one of unalloyed pleasure.

P. S.—We are informed that the loss of instruments by the Band amounts to some two or three hundred dollars. Cannot every one of us contribute something toward replacing them? We propose the measure in sincerity, and hope the proposition will be favorably received by our citizens. Mrs. Anderson has a fine assortment of such articles, from which a selection may be made, or she can obtain any that may be needed.

THE MUSICAL WORLD.—It is being telegraphed about under date of New York, June 24, that a letter from Mr. Barnum states, that the engagement between himself and Miss Lind, for one hundred and fifty nights, having contained certain conditions on which the same might be terminated at the expiration of sixty or a hundred concerts, it has been mutually determined to limit them to the latter number; and that as ninety-one have already been given, there remain but nine, one of which will be given on Friday evening in that city, and the remainder in Philadelphia and Boston, commencing in Philadelphia June 9th, and Boston June 16th.

It is added in the despatches that "Barnum and Miss Lind are upon the same feelings of friendship as at the time of her engagement." *Geo. H. H. Ous!*

The Geographical Society of Paris has conferred a diploma on Colonel Anson, Chief of the United States Topographical Engineers.

CIRCUIT COURT.—In the case of the heirs of Gen. Kosciuszko, which commenced yesterday before the jury, a motion to dismiss the trial, made by the counsel of the defendants, was overruled by the court. The jury was then empaneled, the case opened by Major G. Tochman for the heirs, and then the counsel proceeded to take testimony. Objection was made by Mr. Moritt, who appears for Lewis Johnson, administrator of the estate, to the admission as evidence of Kosciuszko's wills of 1806 and 1816, to prove his domicile in France. After an able argument by the Hon. Reverly Johnson, this objection was also overruled, and both papers were read to the jury as evidence. The court adjourned at half-past three o'clock until this morning at ten o'clock.

Circuit Court to-day.—In the case of the heirs of Gen. Kosciuszko now before the jury, several other questions as to evidence arose. Arguments thereon were made by Messrs. Richard S. Cox and Moritt on the part of the defendants, Armstrong the legatee, and Lewis Johnson, the administrator. They were answered by Major G. Tochman, and at the time our paper is going to press the Hon. Reverly Johnson is making an argument on the part of the heirs. We understand they will get through with these preliminary questions this afternoon. To-morrow the jury will be addressed. The arguments are exceedingly interesting and animated; we will notice them hereafter.

THE VENGEANCE OF THE LAW.—A New York paper contains the following: There are at the present time nine men under sentence of death in the New York city prison.

A New York despatch dated yesterday says: Last evening Theodore Theobald, chief mate of the Swedish ship *Thetis*, was killed by the second mate for refusing him leave to go ashore. The murderer has escaped.

Is the community any safer for the dreadful character of the penalty? When horse-stealing has ceased to be a capital offense in Virginia, Judge White, of a district adjacent to us, bore testimony to the fact that there were fewer horses stolen than when it was a hanging matter; and gave as a reason that the certainty of conviction operated as a greater restraint than the dread of execution, for the reason that "many persons hesitated to convict a horse-stealer capital; and if there was any way to get round their oaths they would do it." Whether this feeling is right or not, it exists, and murderers escape; and, therefore, if the end of the law—the security of society—can be best promoted by permitting offenders to live, let us not strangle them.

THE CENSUS OFFICE.—We learn that Wm. Irving, esq., of New York, (a nephew of Washington Irving, we believe,) has been appointed Superintendent of the Census, *ad interim*. He has been for some time connected with the office, is a gentleman of high ability, and possesses the esteem and respect of the officers under him, all of whom have hailed his elevation with the liveliest pleasure.

A BEAU AND A BELLE.—Our friend Bloom is a bachelor, poor fellow; and a happy one he was, too, until he fell in love. But he loves to doat, as the more experienced wooers are very apt to do. Observing his dejected looks we undertook to chide him the other day; but he made us his confidant, and said:

"I have been wedded for many years, and can now only wed by being first divorced!"

We of course looked amazed and sorrow-stricken, and Bloom proceeded:

"I have been wedded to cigars and tobacco, and now my *chere amie* bids me renounce them or her for ever. What shall I do?"

"Retain your independence," we exclaimed; "never barter away your liberties at any price, nor succumb to the demands of the proudest belle that—"

"Hold!" exclaimed the impassioned Bloom—"hold, on your life! My belle's a belle as *Isabelle*!"

"And is-able," we interposed, to "make you crouch like an abject"—but before we had finished Bloom struck at us, and we vanished, and have not since returned to learn whether he was indignant at the pun "as was not a pun," or our implied disparagement of the belle that, except upon the abridgment of human freedom, would not accept a wedding ring.

We understand that Mr. Wm. Clark, of this city, has been appointed a clerk in the Treasury Department, and that Mr. Adams, of New York, (reputed to be the "Wouter Vantwiler" of the *Tribune*), has received an appointment to the same Department.

DIE GRACEFULLY.—This injunction is to be observed on the mimic stage of life, and in the political field. It is important, too, for the heroes in both theatres are very apt to come to life.

"And if the good folks please
To die again to-morrow!"

—and that, too, without continuing as long under ground as does a seventeen-year locust. Vide Mr. McNeerhan's card.

VETERAN PEDESTRIAN.—The Northern papers tell us that on Monday last week, Mr. Dan Carpenter, of Attleborough, aged seventy-eight years, walked from his residence to Taunton and back. The whole distance was thirty-four miles. He was absent from home less than twelve hours.

HOW MONEY COMES AND GOES.—The exportation of specie is periodically noted as a national calamity. We should prevent it if possible, of course—and, perhaps, a tariff can be twisted that way; but still we ought not to lose sight altogether of such facts as the following:

There arrived at New York during the month of May 477 vessels with immigrants, bringing 38,436 passengers. The *Journal of Commerce* estimates that each passenger brings with him, on an average, \$120, which would make the specie received in New York, from this source, during the month of May, \$4,612,320—more than the entire amount exported from that port during the month.

HON. JOSEPH R. GIDDINGS is rapidly recovering from the bodily injuries he received a short time since.

The weather is warm, but we need garments for all that; and Mr. Wm. Wall is able to supply every thing adapted to the season.

PURCHASERS are referred to the advertisement of Messrs. F. L. Murphy & Co.

THE NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA.

The steamships North America and Empire City arrived yesterday at New York from Chagres, whence they sailed on the 24th ult. They bring dates from San Francisco to the 1st May.

In addition to our telegraphic accounts of yesterday, we have gathered the following: The Empire City brings the California mails, 350 passengers, and two millions of dollars in gold.

The North America has on board 400 passengers and eight hundred thousand dollars in gold.

Mr. Richard Kennedy, of Baltimore, died on board the Empire City, during her passage from Chagres to New York.

Intelligence from the Sandwich Islands is to the 29th March. The difficulties between the authorities of the Islands and the French had been amicably settled.

The steamships Oregon, Union, and Republic, had arrived at Panama, having in the aggregate upwards of 500 passengers and \$2,000,000 gold dust, regularly manifested. The Union had 200 passengers and \$150,000 in dust—the Oregon, 75 passengers and \$800,000 in dust, and the Republic \$1,000,000 and about 200 passengers.

The public election in San Francisco came off on the 24th of April, and resulted in a triumph for the Whigs in majorities for city officers, ranging from three to seventeen hundred votes. The *Alta California* gives the following summary of interesting events:

Considerable progress has been made by the Commissioners in forming treaties with the Indians. Yesterday there was a rumor that the volunteers had been whipped by the Indians in the Mariposa district.

Robberies have been so numerous and bold in the vicinity of Monterey that the people have called upon the Executive for protection.

The Indians still continue their depredations in the vicinity of Los Angeles.

Since the rains, the miners have been reported as doing much better than previously. Some rumors have been afloat that a secret expedition has started for the purpose of taking possession of Lower California, but it is probably merely a rumor.

Business has revived considerably, and the confidence of our citizens in the future progress of the State is unabated.

The city of Nevada has elected city officers, and has a newspaper called the *Nevada Journal*, published semi-weekly.

The Legislature of California was to have adjourned on Monday, the 30th of April.

The Sacramento Union, an ably conducted daily, has defied its neutrality, and hoisted the Whig banner. It will prove a powerful advocate in the Whig cause.

Congress having failed to pass the bill for the creation of the United States marine hospital in San Francisco, arrangements have been made, under direction of the collector of the port, to accommodate the sick mariners who are entitled to the benefits of such an institution.

One of the men flogged at Nevada some weeks since, for stealing, has since died from the effects of his punishment.

The Sacramento Times says the town of Downieville contains, within a circuit of three miles, a population of 5,000.

The Standard states that the quartz veins are attracting more attention every day, from the astounding richness which some of them display. One on Carson's mountain yields rock, of which so large a portion is gold that 103 lbs. of the rock was brought to San Francisco city to be assayed, and yielded 36 pounds of pure gold, valued at \$8,102.15; and Colonel Cost, the naval officer who brought the pieces down, says there was between one and two tons of the rock taken out all equally rich, and the vein showing no signs of exhaustion.

THE ISTHMI.—The rainy season has fully set in on the Isthmus, and the Gorgona having become impassable in consequence, the travel is now altogether by the way of Cruces, to which point the business men from Gorgona have removed. The Chagres river having risen six feet, the river steamers are enabled to run up to Gorgona.

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INDIANA.—SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. Roger Martin, of Washington county, has been nominated by the Whig convention at Lexington.

COINAGE AT THE MINT.—We are glad to see that strenuous efforts are being made at the U. S. Mint to furnish the public with convenient coins for circulation. The number of pieces coined during the past month is unparalleled, and if similar industry is persevered in, all complaints of the inefficiency of this institution to supply the demand of the public must cease. *[Pennsylvaniaian, June 3.]*

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[Geo. Reporter.]

BY TELEGRAPH.

Expressly for this paper.

Later from Europe.

ARRIVAL OF THE ASIA.

New York, June 4—1 p. m.

The Asia arrived here this morning, bringing London dates to the 24th ultimo.

ENGLAND.—Parliament is still occupied with the Ecclesiastical Titles bill. The Government seems disposed to give its support to the Railroad from Halifax to Quebec.

FRANCE.—In France, the legitimists openly favor monarchy.

The Dresden Conference terminated without effecting any thing.

ITALY.—A great flood had occurred at Vienna. The French are about evacuating Rome.

MARKETS.—Cotton has declined one-fourth. The sales of the week amount to 41,000 bales. The market closed steady. Trade at Manchester is dull. Flour and Corn has declined six pence. Provisions dull; Sugars easier; Molasses steady. The money market is easy; Consols at 97½. American securities in fair demand at full prices. United States sixes, '68, 112½; 113; Maryland fives, 90½; 91½.

BALTIMORE, June 4—2 p. m.

Sales to-day of 300 bbls. Howard street flour at \$4.25. Yellow corn at 67½; white at 57½; 58c.

The voting is going on briskly, and there are indications that the Constitution will be carried by a large majority.

ALEXANDRIA, June 4—12 m.

The New Orleans Opera Troupe of Sanford & Co. had an overflowing audience last evening. The sale of tickets was stopped before commencing performance. Another rush is anticipated this evening.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE, &c.

BOSTON, June 3—10 p. m.

The chemical works of Hawes, East Boston, were destroyed by fire to-day. The stock on hand was large, and the loss is very heavy. Four other buildings adjoining were consumed. Hale closed his argument to-day in behalf of Scott, in the rescue case, and was followed by District Attorney Lunt, for the Government.

NEW YORK, June 3—10 p. m.

O'Sullivan, Lewis and Schlesinger, the leaders of the Cuban expedition, made application to the district court to have the case removed to the circuit court, but this request was refused. The parties are to plead on Tuesday next.

DEATHS IN CALIFORNIA.—The New York Tribune of this morning contains the names of many who have died of late, but none familiar to our citizens. The following only are probably known here:

At Marysville, on Wednesday morning, April 16, Rev. Joshua Wilson, of the M. E. Church.

On the 14th ult., Manuel, infant son of Lt. Sully, U. S. A.

Frozen to death in the mountains, some time last month, on his return from the north fork of the Solomon river to Trinidad, having been overtaken in a snow-storm, Dr. Bunnell, of Michigan, formerly surgeon in one of the Ohio regiments during the war in Mexico.

DIED.

On Tuesday afternoon, June 2d, WILLIAM HARRISON WARD, in the 57th year of his age. His friends and those of the family are invited to attend his funeral, which will take place on to-morrow, (Thursday), the 5th, from the E. street Baptist Church, at 4 o'clock.

On the 3d instant, HARVEY L. aged one year and four months, son of William and Mary A. Fennell, to which point the business men from Gorgona have removed. The Chagres river having risen six feet, the river steamers are enabled to run up to Gorgona.

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Arrivals at the Principal Hotels,

Up to 12 o'clock, m., to-day.

United States.—S. L. Moses, New Orleans; James Weatherly, Alabama; George Hurbert, Tennessee; J. C. Wilson, Washington; D. C. H. Hawhee, Georgetown College; H. Keller, Harrisburg; W. Hanson and lady, Philadelphia; G. F. Harrison, do; John Meirs and two ladies, New Jersey.

Gadby's.—S. Sutton, Baltimore; G. Upton, Salem; I. Kelton, Baltimore; W. M. Lusk, North Carolina; J. M. Canning, Annapolis; R. Watson, Maryland; J. M. Mayo and lady, Boston; Rev. J. Rudenow and lady, Pennsylvania; J. W. Featherston, do.

Review of the Northern Markets for yesterday.

Office of the American Telegraph, June 4.

There is no change to note in prices of flour at Baltimore. 500 bbls Howard street flour sold at \$4.25, and 500 do. city mills at \$4.37½.

The prices for grain have slightly advanced on our last quotations. Small sales of red wheat were made at 96½c, and white at 96½c. Rye 68c. Oats 46½c.

His coffee 96½c. Shoulders 7½c. Sides 8½c. Hams 10½c. Lard 10½c.

Whisky unchanged—in blads 22c, and 23c in blads.

At Philadelphia we note an advance in the prices of flour, but the sales are small. Common brands at \$4 25, and extra at \$4 40.

Wheat unchanged—sales of red wheat at 96½c; white 102c; sales of yellow corn at 60c.

Sales of 1000 bags of Rio coffee at 9½c; whisky 22½c per gallon.

At New York stocks are steady. Government 6½ have advanced ¼ per cent; Ohio 7½ advanced ¼ per cent; Penna. 5½ in demand at 94½; Reading Railroad stock advanced ¼; Canton Company 8½; Exchange is plenty and tending upward. Money plenty and the market easy.

The prices of flour remain as at last quotations. Sales of 5000 bbls. at \$4 40 6½ for common to straight State brands; Southern and common \$4 50; 6½ for corn meal \$3; rye flour \$3 50.

Grain without special change. Sales of 4000 bushels of Government wheat at 112½c; red 95½c; corn lower—sales of 35,000 bushels Western yellow at 76½c; and Northern round, 60 cents; oats 44½c; rye 72c. Lard is selling at 9 cents in barrels; Rio coffee 96½c; whisky is selling at 23 cents in blads.

TO THE PUBLIC.—From the 1st day of July, 1851, the postage on the *Daily American Telegraph*, Washington city, D. C., will be, per quarter in advance, as follows: Fifty miles or under, 25 cents; over fifty and not over three hundred, 50 cents; over three hundred and not exceeding one thousand, 75 cents. Any person wishing to be served for three months after the 1st day of July, may pay his quarter's postage, and send us a gold dollar and a silver quarter in a small letter—postage paid, of course; or five dollars for a year. The *Telegraph* is independent in politics, polite, moral, agreeable, and familiar, prompt in furnishing the news, and a terror to all evil doers.

Editors of weekly and other papers desirous to exchange with us can pay the difference in the prices of subscription by giving a few insertions to the whole of this notice.

WASHINGTON, May 27, 1851.

NOTHING FOR NOTHING.—Advertisements of every description must be paid for in this paper; but church notices and announcements of marriages and deaths are charged only half price, viz: twelve and a half cents for six lines or less.

CAN'T BE BEAT.—The Daguerrotype taken at the ODEON, in execution and truthfulness, are inferior to none in the city; while the price is much lower than at most other Galleries. *May 28—Geo.*

GOODS FOR THE SEASON.

FRENCH WORKED COLLARS, LACES, &c.

Just opened—a new and handsome assortment of French worked Collars, Underclothes, Lingerie, Waists, Cambric and muslin insertings and Edgings.

Valencia and other Laces.

Also, Kid gloves, Silk Mitts and Gloves.

RIBBONS, Hosiery, Flowers, Bonnet Caps.

Crapes, Laces, Gimps, Straw and Corded Bonnets.

FANS—600 Palm Leaf, Spanish, Ivory frame & Feather.

Also, Laces, Ribbons, and all the novelties of the season.

Assortment of Fancy Goods, Perfumery, &c., &c., at

MRS. E. COLLIER'S, 7th st. above H.

Washington Building Association.

The regular monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Temperance Hall, E. street, on Wednesday, June 4, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

The books are open for subscription; and as this will be the last evening on which stock can be taken, without paying a bonus for the same, persons desirous of connecting themselves with the Association are requested to attend.

T. M. HAY, Secretary.

ROCHE'S Majority in the Second Ward.

Is 421! and K. M. DOWNER is selling the best Havana and Principe CIGARS in market.

No. 5, Penn. av., between 11th and 12th sts.

LOST.—On Friday, 23d ult., a dark Morocco Memo- randum Book, with sides sewed in one side, in which were seven dollars and some valuable papers. The finder will be rewarded with the money, by returning the book and papers, which are of no use to the owner, to the

Inquire of J. T. RADCLIFFE & CO.,

Seventh street, Odd-Fellows' Hall.